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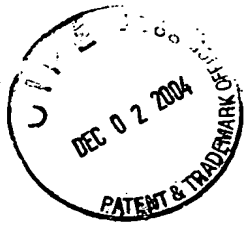
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been further amended to make more definite. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter in claims 2, 3 and 9-16. No new matter has been added by this amendment.